Message from the Principal
Welcome back to Term 3. I trust all families enjoyed a happy and safe vacation. The students have all settled back into class routines and we look forward to an exciting and productive term.

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Celebrating Success

Art awards

A well-deserved congratulations to Jasmine Deng and Aulola Tuitufu in 6/5M. They have received a Certificate of Participation for their contributions to the Primary Schools Reconciliation Week Art Competition. The children produced individual pieces of Art that expressed what reconciliation meant to them within the chosen theme ‘Let’s Walk The Talk’. Mrs Grivas

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

GARDENERS ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL ARE PROUD OF OUR G FORCE STUDENTS!!
The following students have achieved 20 G-Force cards this term for being safe, respectful, learners.

Congratulations!
1B: Kester Marshall, Taj Aufai-Faran, Asher Veale, Muhammet Yenice, Emmanouela Knithakis, Valerie Suryanto, Nabhan Hossain
1K: Reanna Kifoto
3-2K: Atilla Kose, Chloe Deng, Cherilyn Tan
2-6A: Thomas Grujoski
3-6M: Tafhim Choudhury, Mustafa Temurtas, Christopher Fisher, Michelle Kalogridis, Poppy Kalogridis,Taaha Alam, Nathan Sandoval
Golden Play
The end of Term Two saw our students and teachers once again celebrate being Safe, respectful Learners with Golden Play.

NAIDOC Celebrations
On Thursday the 26\textsuperscript{th} June 2014 the students at Gardeners Road Public school celebrated NAIDOC Day.

Mr James Stephens and his team visited our school for a whole day experience. This gave the students the opportunity to understand and appreciate the tradition of culture, dance, art and song of the Aboriginal people.

At the end of the day the whole school assembled into the school hall to sing traditional Aboriginal songs and listen to the story of the didgeridoo and how it is played. Some children were selected to assist with the performance that accompanied the storytelling.

Storytelling

The story of the didjeridoo and how it is played

Emu Egg Blowing
Healthy Harold is coming to Gardeners Rd!

Next week Harold the giraffe will be coming to our school. Running over 6 days, Harold will be helping teachers deliver a program about drug and health education. Each class will have the chance to visit Harold in his mobile classroom and learn about a variety of topics, such as living healthy lifestyles, how our bodies work, cyber safety, safe use of medicine, peer pressure and decision making.

The Healthy Harold program is run by Life Education Australia, a registered charity and not-for-profit organisation. Life Education Australia provides positive programs that develop the social skills and knowledge necessary for effective decision-making, communication, negotiation, peer resistance and refusal in drug-related situations.

The cost of attendance and participation in the Healthy Harold program is $10.00 per student. The program addresses many of the components and outcomes within the NSW Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

Debating – Round 4

This week our debating team, Gardo Gold, will be travelling to Sans Souci Public School to compete against the Sans Souci Talk-A-Lots in their Round 4 debate. Good luck to Kelly Deng, Mikayla Giannaklis, Antonio Padilla and Bilal Ghantous. Prepare well, be clear and good luck with your rebuttals!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

WOW! What a great day! There was glorious sunshine, lots of energy and enthusiasm and a perfect venue for our annual athletics carnival on Tuesday of this week at Erskineville Oval. Students aged from eight to 12 years competed in a range of track and field events. Throughout the day students chose to compete in events such as the 200, 100 and 800 metre running races as well as Shot Put, Long Jump and Discus. From our results we will put together the Zone Athletics team that will then go on to represent the school at the two day carnival scheduled for the 8th and 15th of August. Notes for these students chosen to represent the school will go home early next week. Thank you to Mr Mathew Pye for his assistance on the day. A huge thank you to all the staff involved on the day for their effort and commitment. A special thanks to Mr Rueger for all of his help prior to and on the day. Well done to all the students for their exemplary behaviour and performance at the carnival. To all our parents and grandparents who came out on the day, we hope that you also had an enjoyable day and we appreciate you coming out and sharing this event with us.

Ribbons for each event will be awarded to students over the next couple of whole school assemblies.

Ms Dorothea Gargoulakis
Assistant Principal

BAND NEWS

Our Band program continues this term. We are excited to announce that our school will once again be part of the Daceyville Public School Big Band Bash on the Thursday 28 August.

It is a fantastic event for our band to combine and participate with Banksmeadow Public school. The Royal Australian Navy Band will be joining in for the event again and performing on the day as a special feature.

Two sessions have been organised to practice prior to this event. More information will go home early next week. It is imperative that students attend these rehearsals!

Education Week Assembly Performance

Parents are invited to join us during Education Week to see our school Band perform at assembly on Thursday 31st of July at 2.00pm in our school hall.

A reminder to all Junior Band students arriving for band rehearsal prior to 8.30 each Wednesday morning that they need to wait for the Conductor before entering the school hall.

All Band members are reminded about the importance of bringing instruments to school each Wednesday.

Ms D. Gargoulakis
Band Co-ordinator
School Schedule for Term 3
Please be aware that sometimes circumstances arise that necessitate a change to the schedule.

Week 1: 14-18 July
14: School Development Day
15: Students return to school
16: 3-6 Music program commences

Week 2: 21-25 July
22: Athletics Carnival 8-12 year olds

Week 3: 28-1 August
Life Education Van K-6
Education Week

Week 4: 4-8 August
5: P&C Meeting

Week 5: 11-15 August
12: Science Excursion K-6

Week 6: 18-22 August
Book Week
19: Book Swap

Week 7: 25-29 August
28: Big Band Bash

Week 8: 1-5 September
2: P&C Meeting
3: Kindergarten Information Evening

Week 9: 8-12 September

Week 10: 15-19 September
16: K-6 Commonwealth Games Sports Day
19: Support Unit Excursion to Ridge Farm

For family budgeting
Music Program 3-6:
All children in Years 3-6 will be participating in this program. Thank you to those parents who have already paid for this in Semester One. It is great value as the children are receiving 20 weeks of music lessons.
Cost: $60

Athletics Carnival 8-12 years old:
This includes the hire of Erskineville Park and bus fare.
Cost: $10 (this is approximate dependent upon the cost of transport)

Life Education Van:
This valuable program enhances the work we do in health education and personal development and focuses on healthy life choices.
Cost $10

Science Excursion:
During term 3, all classes will be studying units of work about chemical science. This excursion will involve a science fair and workshops at the Australian Museum.
Cost: $27

Book Swap:
Cost: gold coin donation

Big Band Bash:
This is a great opportunity for band members to perform with other bands. The cost of transport is covered.
Cost: Spending money (at family discretion $5-$10)

K-6 Commonwealth Sports Day:
Cost: $4

*Students participating in PSSA sporting teams and tennis coaching pay for participation each week

Please talk to the office about paying by instalment if this makes budgeting easier for your family
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GREAT BOOK SWAP!

AS PART OF BOOK WEEK AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY, GARDENERS ROAD STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE ONCE AGAIN INVITED TO JOIN IN THE GREAT BOOK SWAP.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRING A BOOK THEY’VE READ AND ENJOYED TO SWAP WITH ONE ANOTHER. IN EXCHANGE FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION, STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE A ‘NEW’ BOOK TO KEEP AT THE GREAT BOOK SWAP.

ONCE BOOKS ARE CHOSEN, THERE WILL BE TIME AND SPACE TO SIT AND READ WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON.

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION TO HELP BUY BOOKS AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN LIVING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

DETAILS:
WHERE: GARDENERS ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
DATE: TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2014
COST: GOLD COIN DONATION
TIME: 2PM - 3PM
WHAT TO WEAR: RED, BLACK AND YELLOW CLOTHING
BOOK COLLECTION: EVERY DAY DURING MORNING ASSEMBLY
Hope

*Cameron Greco*

Cracks are broken
And the sky is blue

And the animals are dying with skulls and
The grass is not green and the farm looks different

And the farmers look hopeless
And the trees are nasty
And the dam is not clean but empty
And the trucks are rusting
And clouds are nowhere to be seen
And the brown trees are dead

The sky is dark and rain is predicted
The drought is hopeless

No.
Now the drought is gone.
Do you know who Safe Sidney, Respectful Rupert and Learning Louise are named after?

Students in 3/4B dressed up to explain how our PBL friends got their names.
From L-R Ruby, Alieza, Michael, Anika and Adil
Fathers' Day Stall

The Fathers' Day stall will be held on the morning of Friday 5th September 2014. Gifts will be available for students to purchase from $1 to $8. Please send your child/ren with some money on the day, if you would like to purchase a gift.

Are you available to assist with the running of the stall?

Please email GRPSparents@gmail.com

Trivia Night

The trivia night will be held on Friday 24th October 2014, 6.30 for 6.45pm start. Tickets are $20 and will be sold leading up to the night. Organise a table of 10 or join others for a fun filled night.

Raffle tickets will be given to students to sell throughout Term 3. The student who sells the most tickets will receive a voucher for a bowling birthday party, donated by the Newmarket Hotel. The winner will be announced during the morning assembly on the day of the Trivia Night. The raffle will be drawn on the night. Additional tickets can be collected from the office.

Gardeners Road Cookbook

Our school is culturally diverse, with over 35 languages spoken by students. This creates a fantastic opportunity for us to develop a multicultural cookbook, that all families can contribute to.

Do you have a favourite family recipe to share?

All students and teachers are asked to submit their favourite recipe for the cookbook. Categories include breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert or snack recipes.

Recipes can be hand written and given in at the office or word processed and emailed to GRPSparents@gmail.com by the end of Term 3. Remember to include your name and a picture of the prepared dish (if possible). Briefly tell us why this is your favourite dish.

The cookbook will be available for purchase before the end of the school year.

Save the Date: P&C Disco 21 November 2014
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Business Card size (80 x 50mm) OR Banner size (185 x 28mm)
Please contact: Claire Williams on 0447573309 or email her at claire@insydneytutoring.com.au if you would like to place and advertisement. All submissions must be in jpeg format.
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